



## European Society of Urogenital Radiology Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2011

Dear Colleagues,

this year the ESUR board met in Vienna during the ECR 2011 on March 2nd.

Many topics were addressed, the future meetings and guidelines, as always, were our cornerstones of focus.

The ESUR members' evening symposium was held at medical and historical location called Stiegl Ambulanz. This was an old hospital, now "transformed" to a brewery called Stiegl. It was well attended with 67 colleagues who participated in the dinner.

In these surroundings, our president G. Heinz-Peer, emphasized the visions of ESUR:

"Panta rhei" meaning "everything flows" is a famous phrase from Simplicius, and often misattributed to Heraclitus (544–483BC) since characterizing his concept. Certainly, this quotation remains true today for the subspecialty of genitourinary imaging which like all areas of diagnostic and interventional radiology has seen relentless technological innovation herald new developments and raise new imaging-related challenges.

Thank you to Dr. Ernst Plefka of Geurbet, Ms. Andrea Schindelar and Philip Lengsfeld of Bayer Schering and Volkmar

Leisser of Bracco and for supporting the meeting.

At the board meeting, the following short messages included:

### News from ESR and ECR

G. Heinz-Peer presented the article she wrote for **ECR Today** including the combined meeting with SUR, their merger with SGR and a prostate course in Ghent. If you did not get to read it during ECR it can be downloaded from the ECR webpage

[http://www.myesr.org/html/img/pool/ECR Today\\_2011\\_Friday.pdf](http://www.myesr.org/html/img/pool/ECR_Today_2011_Friday.pdf). Go to page 30.

In order to encourage young radiologists to become a member of the ESUR, G. Heinz-Peer suggested offering 1 year free membership at the ESUR symposia which was agreed on unanimously.

Furthermore, the ESUR is again heavily involved in ECR activities. Among other things, several sessions at ECR 2011 were a direct result of ESUR collaboration. In the future, I myself have the great honour of being chairman of the scientific

subcommittee “Genitourinary” for the ECR 2013 program. Please do come forward with any ideas for topics or speakers for the ECR 2013 urogenital sessions. Of course any member is welcome any time for proposals for the society and for meetings. We also have three distinguished members in the ESR organisation: B. Brkljačić as Financial Committee chairman, L.E. Derchi as Communication & International Relations Committee chairman as well as Working Group on Ultrasound chairperson and N. Grenier Subcommittee on Molecular Imaging chairperson.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ESUR Global Education Programme on Contrast Media was held on December 11, 2010 in Vienna, Austria. Participants were from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The next group of countries to be targeted are Taiwan, South Korea, Indonesia and Iran. This educational programme is being planned to continue around the world under the leadership of Sameh Morcos and kindly supported by Bayer Schering.

### **Cooperation ESGAR – ESUR**

In terms of societies, we have established a cooperation with the ESGAR. H. Thoeny, G. Heinz-Peer, and B. Hamm will all be attending ESGAR 2011 in Venice for a joint session. This may possibly become a fixture of both societies’ congresses.

The EAU (European Association of Urology) has also invited 3 speakers to attend their annual congress in Vienna 18.-22. March. A wonderful possibility to bond with our clinical colleagues.

### **ESUR Teaching Course on Prostate MRI – Ghent**

On the initiative of Geert Villeirs, this educative course was held on June 3.

The **ESOR Course on Urogenital Radiology** was repeated this year April 28.-29 in Barcelona. Luis Donoso was the local organizer of “Urogenital Cross-Sectional Imaging“.

The **ESOR** course held last year in **Tallinn**, June 18-19, was a success with 68 participants.

We have following members as delegates in ECR committees:

- Rosemarie Forstner in Education
- Gertraud Heinz-Peer in Subspecialities
- Marie-France Bellin in Professional Organizing Committee
- Harriet Thoeny in Research and
- Nigel Cowan as Chairman in

“Genitourinary “ group for the ECR 2012.

As for the new journal “Insights into Imaging” it is an electronic magazine to be found through the ESR homepage.

### ESUR symposium 2010 in Bruges

G. Heinz-Peer was very glad to announce an absolutely amazing end result of the 2010 symposium in Bruges. This is due to the very strict and laudable work of Raymond Oyen, Linde Stessens and their efficient team.

### ESUR meeting Croatia 2011

The date is set for October 13-16. The theme of the symposium is “Female pelvis”.

The local chairman Boris Brkljacic presented the final program for the meeting. The venue is nearby Dubrovnik with an ocean view. For program and details please go to our website or directly to [www.esur2011.com.hr](http://www.esur2011.com.hr). Be sure to get your registration in due time! Since this is a joint meeting with our American colleagues The Society of Uroradiology (SUR [www.uroradiology.org](http://www.uroradiology.org)), we are expecting a great number of participants, so don't wait too long.

### ESUR meeting Edinburgh 2012

The date is set for September 13-16. The local chairman, Sami Moussa, presented the venue approved at the general assembly last year in Bruges. The main topic will be “Imaging and Management of Stone Disease”. S. Moussa mentioned that the meeting in 2012 also includes the BSUR (British Society of Urogenital Radiology). An exciting programme is being planned.

### Future meetings 2013 and 2014

Ahmet Turgut presented Istanbul, Turkey **as venue for the meeting 2013.**

The date is planned to be September 19 – 22 and the suggested topic is “Oncologic Imaging of the Urogenital System”, same as Cairo 2006. A. Turgut is expecting up to 400 attendees. A hands-on workshop is planned.

Nicolas Grenier presented Bordeaux, France as venue for 2014. The planning is ongoing and more will be shown at the meeting in Dubrovnik this year. The topic is not yet decided.

The board will further clarify the “Guidelines for the organizers of an ESUR symposium” which are available on the ESUR webpage (ESUR Meetings > Future Meetings). We wish to make a budget planning template to help the local congress chairperson. Also, we are making a graphic template for posters and flyers as an “ESUR corporate identity”.

### **Report from ESUR Subcommittees and Working Groups**

#### **Contrast Media Safety Committee**

S. Morcos reported:

The contrast guidelines are being constantly revised and improved. The committee bylaws are officially approved by the board.

### **Female Pelvis Subcommittee**

Karen Kinkel reported that the dynamics of the group are changing, so she is stepping down and John Spencer will take over, though she will remain in the committee. Concerning the guidelines, everything has been published.

G. Heinz-Peer thanked K. Kinkel for her work and contributions.

### **Prostate Cancer Group**

Via Skype, Jelle Barentsz discussed the recent work of the group. The board was very impressed, though it was agreed that the large amount of material, currently over 70 pages, will be condensed to the approximate size of the guidelines on contrast media. A valuable piece work for prostate researchers.

### **CTU/MRU Working Group (N. Cowan)** POSTPONED

### **Paediatric Working Group**

Michael Riccabona elaborated on the plans of the working group. "Imaging in childhood renal transplantation and paediatric cystic disease", Fred Avni and M. Riccabona will do the cystic part, and, assisted by S. Ordning and B. Damasio, the transplantation part.

Also, a large project planned with ESPR and Euroson promotion of US contrast material in children, 4,000 reported news with no side effects for IV use. This is a

very important issue. With this data, the group hopes to receive funding for a project and backing from the EU.

The NEW diploma in radiology was held at ECR 2011 for the first time this year. G. Heinz-Peer, L. Derchi and M. Claudon were all nominated as examiners for ESR's European Diploma in Radiology - MCQ and Case Collection Structure. It will be interesting to hear their experience with this.

**EuroAIM**, a joint initiative by EIBIR, is looking for representatives from all the ESR managed subspecialty societies and H. Thoeny was nominated for this position.

### ESUR Website

The website continues to be visited, on average, by approx. 4,000 visitors each month. Most popular are the contrast guidelines but the working group guidelines and the upcoming meeting are also very often visited.

We have two new links for you, accessible free of charge until October 2011:

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/b482336046982032/>

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/17206n2u45214228/>

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ESUR secretariat

We still have well over 200 paying members and the financial situation is very good. But to be a well working society none of this would be possible without engaged members. And although the workload is growing, we all have to engage younger colleagues in our society.

We keep up with the guidelines helping in a busy work day for the benefit of patients.

Come along! Let's join forces!

Thank you to Arnold Stipsits from the whole board and all members of ESUR, for the supportive, engaged work with the ESUR!

And so, I hope to see many of you in Dubrovnik, Croatia this year for the joint meeting with SUR.

Yours Sincerely,

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